

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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date entered

**1. Name**

historic Prairie View

and/or common Betteridge Property; Crestmead

**2. Location**

street & number Clear Creek Township not for publication

city, town Pleasant Green X vicinity of congressional district #4-Hon. Ike Skelton

state Missouri code 029 county Cooper code 053

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>X</u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture <u>  </u> museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial <u>  </u> park
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational <u>X</u> private residence
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment <u>  </u> religious
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>X</u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government <u>  </u> scientific
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial <u>  </u> transportation
	<u>X</u> N/A	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military <u>  </u> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Betteridge

street & number RFD #2

city, town Pilot Grove X vicinity of state Missouri 65233

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Cooper County Court House, Office of Recorder of Deeds

street & number Main and High Streets

city, town Boonville state Missouri 65233

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

1. Phase II, Cooper County Survey  
title Friends of Historic Boonville has this property been determined eligible?    yes X no

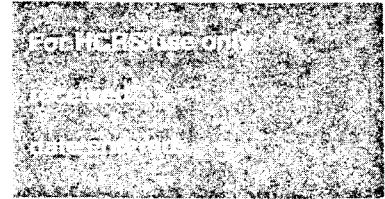
date June 1980-March 1981    federal    state X county    local

depository for survey records Friends of Historic Boonville  
P.O. Box 1776

city, town Boonville state Missouri 65233

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2. Missouri State Historic Survey  
1981  
Department of Natural Resources  
Historic Preservation Program  
P.O. Box 176  
Jefferson City

State

Missouri 65201

## 7. Description

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved date \_\_\_\_\_

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The large Italianate house has been altered in two ways. The tall cupola has been truncated and now its original roof sits directly on top of the main roof. A small one story, single bay front porch was razed and a single story porch with fluted Doric columns and paired brackets in the eaves currently extends across the front facade. (See photographs #1 and #2) These two alterations are minor and do not disrupt the architectural integrity of the house which is embellished with a three foot wide eave, with ornate paired brackets. (See photograph #3) These brackets are echoed in the projecting trabeated window lintels. Shutters also accent the two-over-four doublehung second story windows. The first story windows are extremely attenuated and triple hung with two lights in each section. The rear ell is one and one-half story with a gable roof and with bold corner pilasters supporting a window cornice where small half windows are located.

Entering the house through a double leaf entrance flanked by sidelights one finds a 12' by 37' hall which extends through the house at each level. (see photographs #4 and #5) Probably due to the early date for this style in a rural setting, the interior returns to Greek Revival motifs except for the Italianate octagonal newel in this hall. The stair is highlighted by a delicately carved rail, spindle balusters and a bracketed stringer. Four rooms, 17' by 18' each with a fireplace of Greek Revival detailing (see photographs #6, #7 and #8), are on each floor. Built-in cabinets flank the mantle of the northwest, first story room. (See photograph #9) Millwork on the second story is slightly less ornate. Some original random width plank flooring remains. The rear ell has been completely remodeled; a bath has been added and the large cooking fireplace has been closed. The slave quarters above are reached from an exterior stair off the pent porch to the south.

Located in a completely rural setting, the house faces east and sits back from County Road A. Outbuildings are to the west but are insignificant to the residence and are not included in the nomination. The house is in the process of restoration. Most exterior work is complete. The owners hope to elevate the cupola to its original height by using plexiglass and aluminum to eliminate the weight problem. Interior work is in progress and is highlighted by the fact that many pieces of furniture and decor remain intact from the early periods of the house's occupancy.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1859 Builder/Architect John Taylor

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

This large Italianate/Greek Revival style house is significant because it was built at an early date for its style in this area, is not only one of the first Italianate structures but one of the finest examples in the area, and by its rural setting, demonstrates the wealth that was distributed throughout the county and the important part it played in agriculture and commerce. The house is important both for its architectural integrity and its historical merit. Another significant feature is the fact that the house is well maintained and is in the process of complete restoration to its original condition.

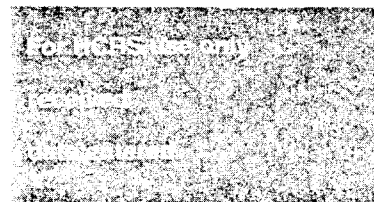
Historically Prairie View, or Crestmead, is a fine example of a rural antebellum Missouri plantation that was successful in transforming into a large and prosperous stockfarm. In its original place in time, the farm remains the finest example of such a plantation in Cooper County.

Built in 1859 as the residence of John Taylor, the farm operated under slave labor until the close of the Civil War. The next owner, Presley G. Walker, resided here from 1865 until 1883, and under his ownership the "Prairie View" land holdings increased in size to over 2500 acres. As a result of Walker's fine management and insistence upon class and quality, the farm became well-known as the breeding ground of some of Missouri's best registered Shorthorn cattle as well as being a successful grain operation. For twenty years beginning in 1883, the farm languished in a period of successive owners and speculators.

In 1903, the farm was purchased by William A. Betteridge and six years later the name of the residence and grounds was legally changed to "Crestmead." Betteridge soon developed the operation into a model modern farm, also specializing in the breeding of registered Shorthorn cattle. A valuable herd sired by Lavenda Viceroy and Victorious from the herd were sold to stockfarms throughout the United States. In 1938, Crestmead continued its operation under Betteridge's son, Verne, followed in 1980 by a grandson, Robert, who is the present owner.

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3. History of Cooper County, Missouri. Johnson, 1919, p. 871-72.
4. Atlas Map of Cooper County, Missouri. 1877.
5. Illustrated Historical Atlas of Cooper County, 1897.
6. Standard Atlas of Cooper County, Missouri. 1915.
7. 1874 Map of Cooper County, Missouri.
8. 1925 Map of Cooper County, Missouri.
9. 1959 Map of Cooper County, Missouri.
10. 1975 Map of Cooper County, Missouri.
11. Property Abstract.
12. Robert Betteridge, "Crestmead" folder, Friends of Historic Boonville Archives.
13. Land Grant Originals, in possession of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Betteridge.
14. Historic Photograph originals, in possession of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Betteridge.
15. Historic Sites Map of Cooper County, Missouri.
16. Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Betteridge, August 1980 and November 1980.

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along a gravel drive approximately 150' to the county road, then south 90' along County Road A, then west 170' on a line parallel to the south facade of the house, then north approximately 90', then east 20' to the beginning point.

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2. James M. Denny, Section Chief, Nominations-Survey  
and State Contact Person  
Department of Natural Resources  
Historic Preservation Program  
P.O. Box 176  
Jefferson City

April 1981

(314) 751-4096

Missouri 65201

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

1. History of Cooper County, Levens & Drake, 1876, p. 149-151.
2. History of Howard and Cooper Counties, 1883, p. 86, 685, 698, 716, 964, 1136.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name "Pilot Grove South, Mo."

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A 15 506000 4293630  
Zone Easting Northing

B              
Zone Easting Northing

C            

D            

E            

F            

G            

H            

**Verbal boundary description and justification** The property sits approximately 5/8 mile south of the intersection of State Road 135 and County Roads A and E, and faces East onto County Road A. The UTM is the mid point. Beginning at a point 20' north of the northwest corner of the residence and running east on a line parallel to the north facade of the house and (cont)

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

James C. Higbie, Coordinator/Historian  
name/title 1. Linda Harper, Architectural Historian

organization Friends of Historic Boonville date February 1981

street & number P.O. Box 1776 telephone (816) 882-7977

city or town Boonville state Missouri 65233

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

   national X state    local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Director, Department of Natural Resources  
title and State Historic Preservation Officer

date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

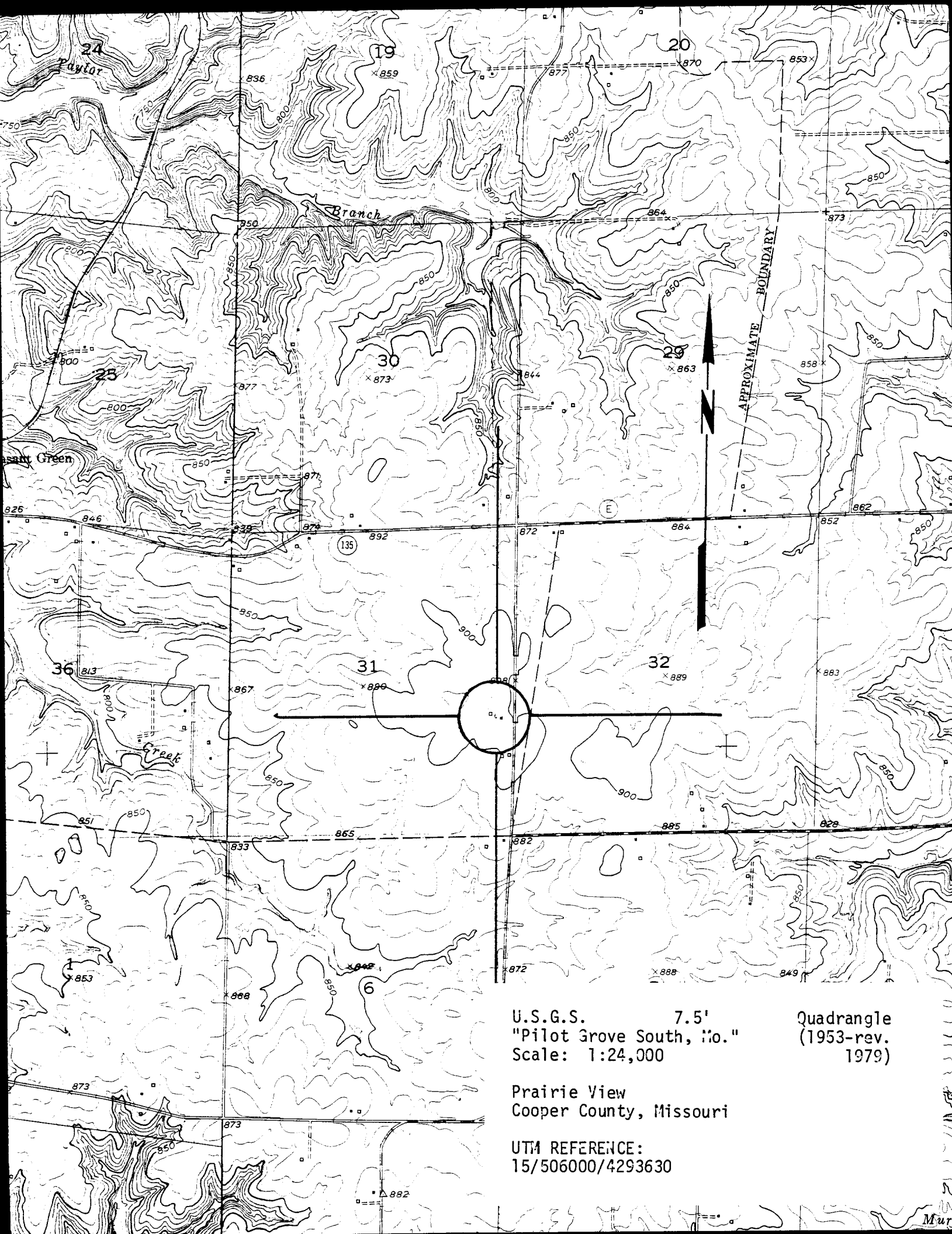
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Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



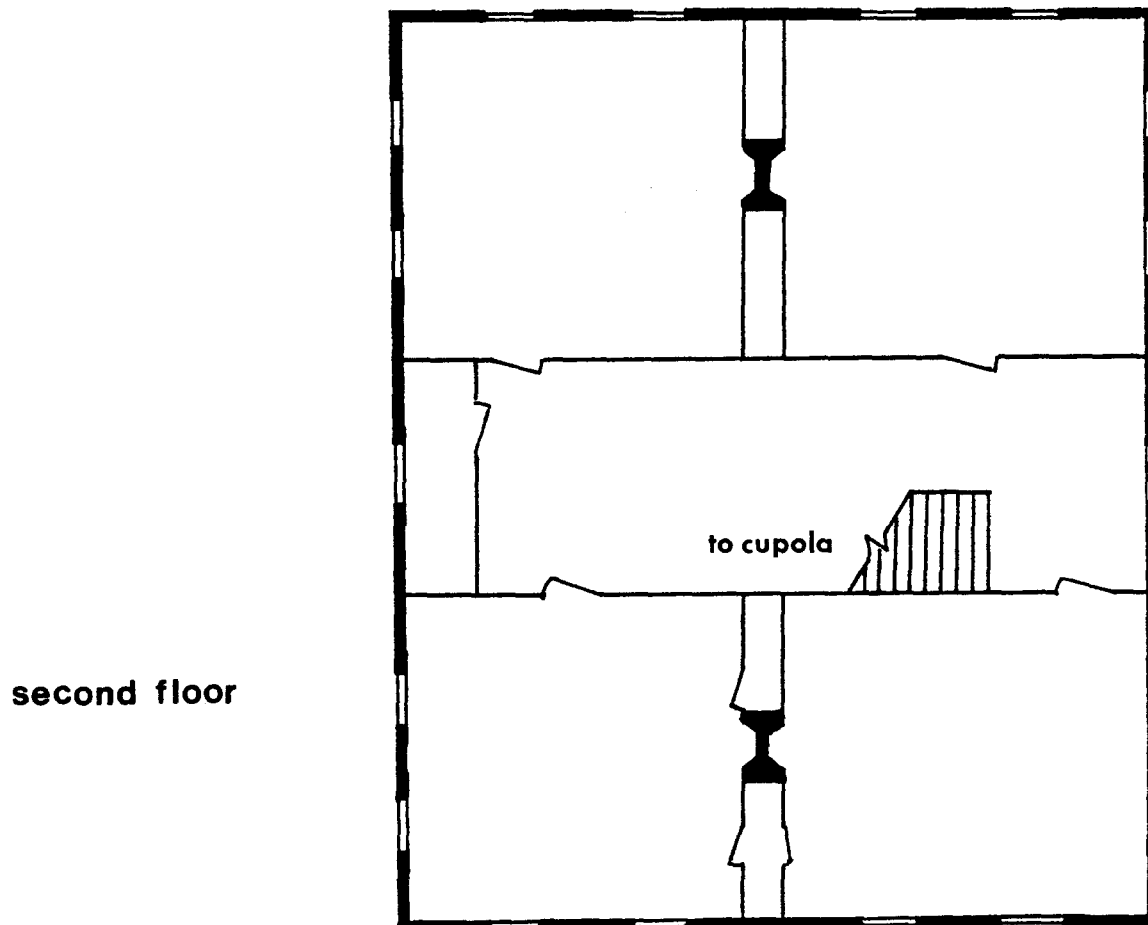
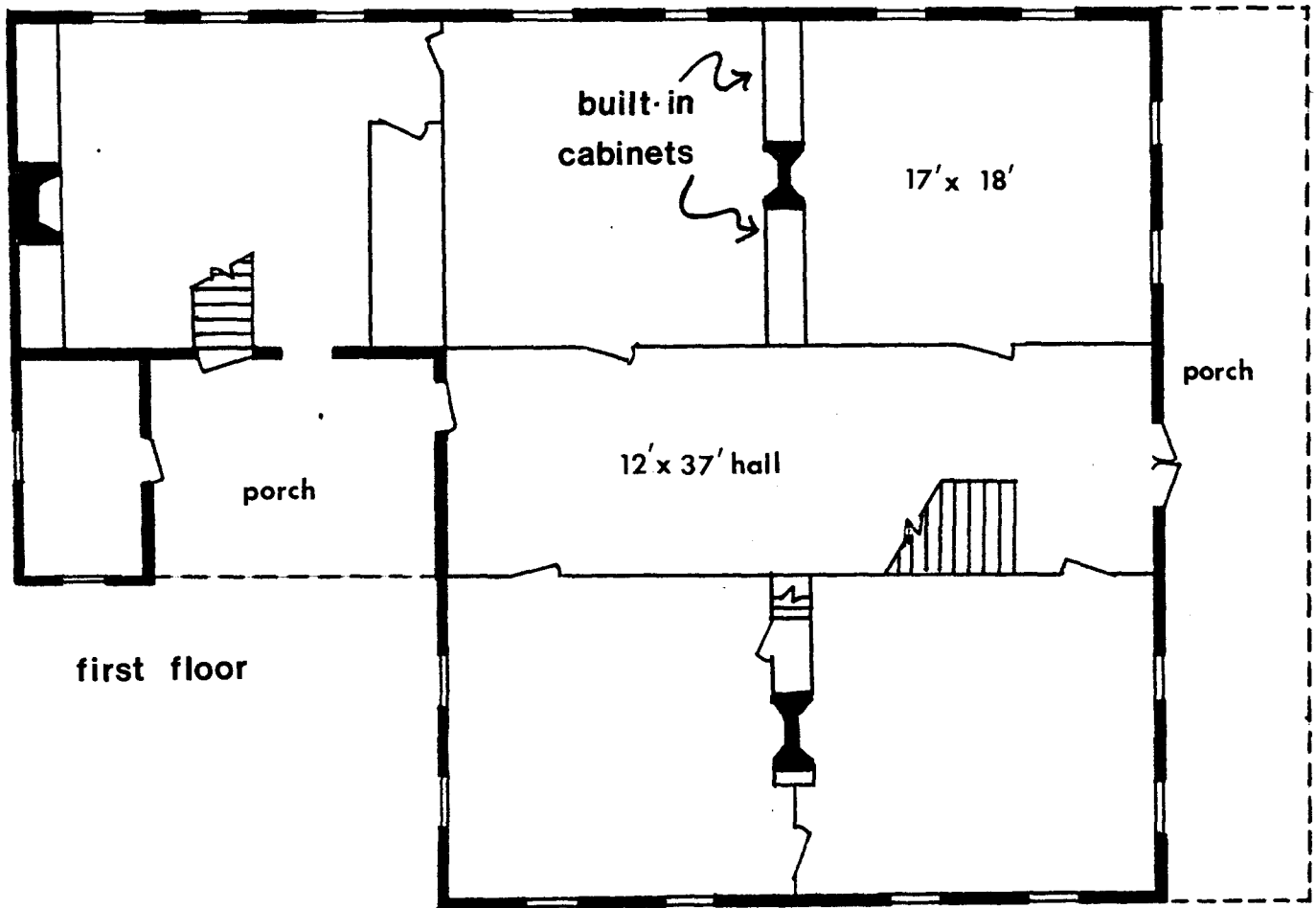
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"Pilot Grove South, Mo."  
Scale: 1:24,000

Quadrangle  
(1953-rev.  
1979)

Prairie View  
Cooper County, Missouri

UTM REFERENCE:  
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PRAIRIE VIEW FLOORPLANS — not to scale

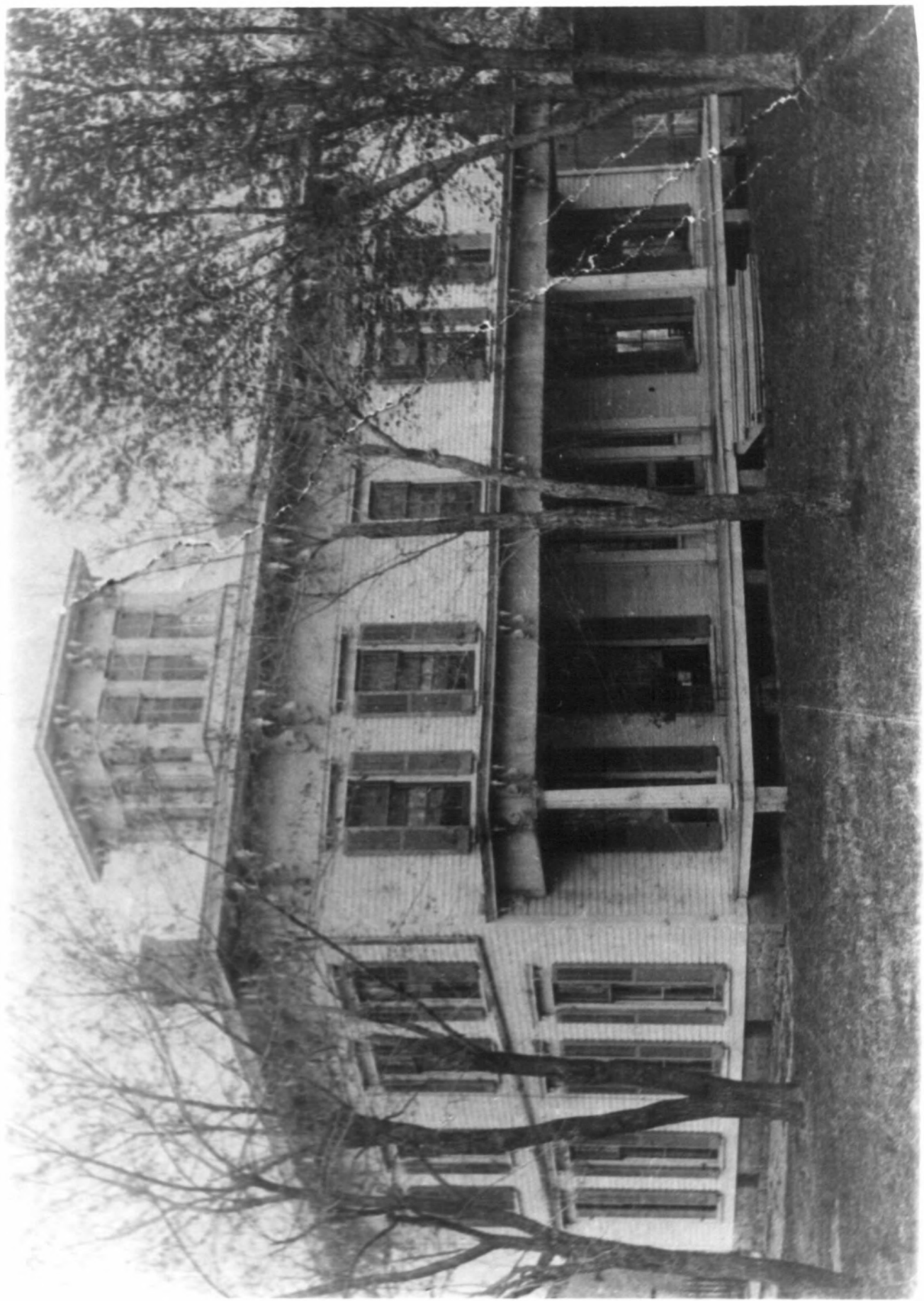




COUNTY:	Cooper
LOCATION:	Pleasant Green vicinity
OWNER:	Mr. & Mrs. Robert V. Betteridge
ADDRESS:	RFD #2, Pilot Grove, MO 65233
DATE APPROVED BY A.C.:	June 25-26, 1982
DATE SENT TO D.C.:	July 17, 1982
DATE OF REC. IN D.C.:	July 28, 1982
DATE PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER:	September 20, 1982
DATE CERTIFICATE AWARDED (AND PRESENTOR):	May 11, 1983 James M. Denny
DATE FILE REVIEWED:	

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Betteridge House  
Clear Creek Township, Cooper County, Missouri  
Historic Photo c 1890, original in possession of  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Betteridge  
Neg. Loc.: Friends of Historic Boonville  
P.O. Box 1776  
Boonville, Missouri 65233  
View from SE looking NW  
Photo 1 of 9



Betteridge House  
Clear Creek Township, Cooper County, Mo.  
Photographer: James M. Denny  
December 1980  
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P. O. Box 1776  
Boonville, Mo. 65233  
View from NE looking SW  
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Betteridge House  
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Photographer: James M. Denny  
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Detail of brackets on eave, cupola and  
window lintels  
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Betteridge House  
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Interior view of central hall, looking E  
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Interior view of central hall, looking W  
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Interior view of mantle, SW 1st Story room  
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Interior view of mantle, Ne 1st Story room  
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Interior view of 2nd Story room  
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December 1980

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Interior view of NE room, 1st Story, mantle and  
built-in cupboards.

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